

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
*Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	*Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
*Michael Sanders, ADOT	^Jim Hash, Mesa
Brian Fellows, ADOT	Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale	Briiana Leon, Phoenix
Ann Marie Riley for Michael Normand, Chandler	Mike Roche, Queen Creek
Rich Rumer Coalition for Arizona Bicyclists	Suzanne Day, RPTA
*Mark Smith, El Mirage	Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
*Allan Grover, Glendale	Eric Iwersen, Tempe Lance Ferrell, Surprise

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelly LaRosa  
Janeen Gaskins  
Dorina Busamante  
Jessica Laughlin

1. Call to Order

Katherine Coles called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the January 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Brian Fellows moved to approve and Lance Ferrell seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for January 15, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Roche noted a correction to a typo so the word reads as Wash on Page 2 item #4 and Reed

Kempton noted the correct name as Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

There were no members of the public were present.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis reported that MAG Close-Out program started on March 3, 2008 and ends on April 18, 2008. The deferral notification must be transmitted by a member of the MAG Transportation Review Committee, the Intergovernmental Affairs Group or the Management Committee. The amount of funds available are approximately \$130 million and this includes carry forward from FFY 2007. However, there is an unobligated balance of \$39 million. All forms are available on the MAG website. The primary criteria for projects submitted for Close-Out funding is that they must be able to utilize funds by the end of the federal fiscal year. The projects submitted must be sufficiently developed for ADOT Local Governments staff to recommend that projects are ready to be authorized by the Federal authorities.

Brandon Forrey announced a Peoria Safety Fair for staff on April 1, 2008. Peoria will be giving away free helmets. On April 5, 2008 at 8:30am Peoria will host the Pioneer Days Family Bike Ride and give away free t-shirts.

Margaret Boone-Pixley announced the Avondale Spring Fling with recycling exhibit, a large bicycle safety component and a bike raffle.

Brian Fellows announced the Safe Routes to School four one-day workshops around the state in April. Attendees will receive 3 points on their application score.

Rich Rumer announced the Coalition of AZ Bicyclists Conference on April 4, 2008. He noted that Andy Clark will be one of the presenters and the cost is two for \$25.

Reed Kempton reported that Scottsdale will hold its Bike to Work event on April 16, 2008 and the bike tour of public art installations is on April 20, 2008.

Suzanne Day announced that April is Valley Bike Month. Many of the cities are doing Bike to Work events, community rides and events. Valley Metro is sponsoring a public contest and anyone can win prizes for riding their bike for any reason. The Great Bike Chase is on April 20, 2008 through the

Willow Neighborhood and downtown Phoenix. The children can ride their bikes on the field.

Eric Iwersen distributed the Tempe Bike Month 2008 calendar of events with original bike art. He also distributed a photo simulation of the new Tempe Town Lake Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge is at 60% plans with construction due to be completed in 2009.

#### 5. Review and Ranking of the Design Assistance Applications for 2008 Phase II

There is \$125,000 available for Pedestrian Design Assistance projects and \$30,000 for the Bicycle Design Assistance Program.

Maureen DeCindis noted that the following project applications were incomplete upon the due date:

- City of Phoenix: Safe Routes to Mitchell School (\$45,000)
- Town of Queen Creek: Ellsworth Road Multi-Use Trail Design (\$125,000)

Tami Ryall asked the committee if the committee needs to discuss the issue before voting whether to accept incomplete applications. Brian Fellows suggested the committee create and stick with a deadline. Mike Roche noted that the Town of Queen Creek has withdrawn its application. Katherine Coles noted that the city of Phoenix acknowledges that the Phoenix project was incomplete. Reed Kempton made a motion to not accept the incomplete applications. The motion was seconded by Mike Roche. The motion passed unanimously.

The following application was withdrawn for consideration by the City of Chandler:

- City of Chandler: Summit/Elliott Pathway (\$30,000)

The following Bicycle Design Assistance Application was submitted for review and ranking:

- City of Mesa: Adobe Road Complete Street (\$30,000)

Maureen DeCindis explained that this is a phase two on the Adobe Road Pedestrian Design project. This project would focus the design of bike lanes accommodate children walking and biking to school. Reed Kempton noted that Adobe Road aligns with Rio Salado and cuts across Mesa. The bike route when completed would be 10 miles long. Briiana Leon made a motion to accept the Adobe Road project for \$30K. The motion was seconded by Brandon Forrey. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Pedestrian Design Assistance Applications were submitted for review:

- City of Avondale: Garden Lakes Sidewalk (\$60,000)

Janeen Gaskins and Kelly LaRosa reported that this project is affiliated with two schools. This will be a phased project. There is 1,500 linear feet of sidewalk missing in this development. This phase is 1,500 linear feet long and other phases for this project will be developed in the future. When completed, the segment would be 3,740 feet long and connect a church with 2,000 patrons, a high school 2,400 students, an elementary school of 1,200 students. Partners include the homeowners, the church, both schools and many Avondale programs including Healthy Avondale and Avondale Safe

Routes to School program. This pedestrian facility would also connect to transit.

Tami Ryall asked why the developer didn't complete the sidewalk originally. Janeen Gaskins replied that the development is 25 years old with private developer and this occurred before Avondale got involved with developer design. Eric Iwersen asked if the homeowners have been asked for funds. Janeen Gaskins replied affirmative and that the church is also going to be asked for funds. Tami Ryall asked about the ownership of the land where the sidewalk will be built. Kelly LaRosa noted that some of the land is public easement and some is private property. Michael Cartsonis asked about the connection to the canal path. Kelly LaRosa confirmed that the canal path connects to the sidewalk and noted there was a crosswalk available.

- Town of Paradise Valley: Lincoln Drive Sidewalk Improvement (\$63,000)

There was no representative from the Town of Paradise Valley to give a presentation or answer questions on this project. Katherine Coles noted that Paradise Valley is currently improving sidewalks on Lincoln Drive. Margaret Boone-Pixley noted that this should be considered as part of the city's internal Capital Improvement Program list of projects. Reed Kempton asked if there was a curb.

- City of Phoenix: Third Street Promenade (\$80,000)

Briana Leon noted this project was brought forward to the city from the community. Light rail will run down Central Avenue and therefore there will be more traffic on Third Street. The businesses are concerned with providing increased pedestrian safety. The construction funding has not been identified as of yet. Tami Ryall asked if the City of Phoenix would accept less design money than \$80,000. Katherine Coles agreed to accept a lower amount. Reed Kempton noted that this design is really to start engineering documents for this project. Eric Iwersen noted that this is an urban renewal project that the Pedestrian Design program was created for. This project is in the transit oriented overlay district. Katherine Coles noted that there are very stately trees and links to original neighborhoods. There are schools, hospitals and ties into the arts district.

Eric Iwersen made a motion to fund City of Phoenix: Third Street Promenade project for \$65,000 and the City of Avondale: Garden Lakes Sidewalk for \$60,000. Katherine Coles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Review of the Draft Regional Bikeways Map

Maureen DeCindis asked committee members to review the two drafts of the bike map displayed on the wall. Brian Fellows asked if the bus stops or bus routes could be included on the rail map at the back. Maureen DeCindis responded that after the bicycle facilities are added, the map will be too crowded for the bus routes as well. Reed Kempton noted that the signal photo are incorrect.

Katherine Coles noted that all the transit centers and libraries need to be on the map.

The committee marked up the map.

Suzanne Day will search for a photo with the correct helmet position displayed. Rich Rumer will also work with the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists for photos.

Reed Kempton will supply graphics from the City of Scottsdale map.

7. The City of Tempe Project Change Request

Requests for project changes must go through the MAG Committee Process for approval.

The City of Tempe would like to combine two CMAQ funded projects into one project at the request of ADOT Local Governments for efficient project implementation through the federal process. The two projects to be combined are both located on College Avenue, pedestrian improvements, in fiscal year 2008, and programmed with CMAQ funds. These projects are #TMP08-602 and TMP07-303. Eric Iwersen noted that this is not a change in the request for funding. This is a procedural process asking for committee approval.

Brandon Forrey asked if this will become an issue if projects are being moved forward. Eric Iwersen responded that this project is not being moved forward and that this will allow the city to go out for one bid and will become one project under the ADOT system. Reed Kempton noted that the feds are requesting larger rather than smaller projects. Combining projects allows cities to create larger projects. Brian Fellows moved to the request to combine #TMP08-602 and TMP07-303. Reed Kempton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on Tuesday in the Cholla Room at 1:30 p.m., except for the December meeting that begins at noon.

April 15, 2008  
May 20, 2008  
June 17, 2008  
July 15, 2008  
August 19, 2008  
September 16, 2008  
October 21, 2008  
November 18, 2008  
December 16, 2008 NOON